



SITUATION REPORT TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

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PURPOSE: For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

ISSUE:

- A summary of the updated information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 0900 hours on 2022-01-31.
- The status of the trucker convoy protest/ road blockade on Highway 4 near Coutts, Alberta continuing from January 29, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

- RCMP K DEOC has been activated for this event, and will coordinate information and tasking through this central point.
- The area of highest concern remains the blockade at the Coutts border crossing and surrounding area.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Southern Alberta District (SAD):
 - As of January 30, 2022, all protests within RCMP jurisdiction (with the exception of the Coutts blockade) appear to have finished.
 - Highway 4 to and from the Canadian side of the border crossing at Coutts, Alberta remains completely blocked. The blockade (primarily the semi truck blocking the northbound lane with smaller truck reinforcements) is being controlled by splinter groups.
 - The organizers of the Coutts protest are distancing themselves from the splinter groups.
 - The Consultative Conflict Management Group (CCMG) continues trying to engage protest participants, however, the engagement from the organizers has diminished. The splinter groups are refusing to engage in any protest options alternative to a full highway blockade.
 - A joint initiative between RCMP, CBSA, and the US Customs and Border Services was completed which involved escorting approximately 30 semi trucks



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that were stuck just north of the border (in the border clearance lot), to a secondary roadway which allowed the trucks to re-enter Highway 4 and head northbound once past the blockages.

- K DEOC is assisting with identifying and mobilizing additional resources to deal with the situation.
- RCMP will continue to monitor and respond to the situation as required.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Special Tactical Operations (STO) unit is preparing operational plans for engagement and centralizing resources for the police removal of the blockades. Currently, investigators continue to try and deescalate the situation through voluntary compliance. There is a group of protestors refusing to cooperate.
- Strategic traffic checkpoints have been established to re-route southbound traffic away from the Coutts congestion. This also prevents any additional protestors from accessing the main congestion location.
- Sheriffs and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) have been engaged and are at strategic locations for the other border crossings to ensure only legitimate commercial traffic passes through.
- Federal Section air support is engaged.
- RCMP Operational Communication Centre to provide updated information to DEOC when called in by the public.
- RCMP extra resources are being put in place for extended operations.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Social media accounts continue to be monitored, there was a shift from a primarily positive to a more negative sentiment regarding the police response, and it has now shifted back to a mixed sentiment.
- Social media posts have been put out from the Alberta RCMP Twitter and Facebook accounts for public safety, activity and comments on both feeds have increased dramatically.
- There has been an identified need for consistent messaging among agencies, currently, the RCMP is the lead agency for this event.



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MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- N/A

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

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